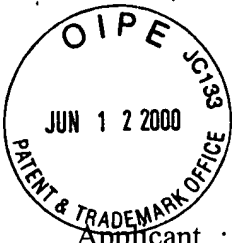


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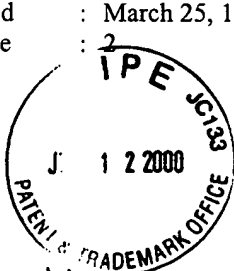
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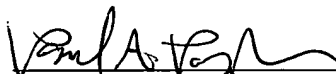
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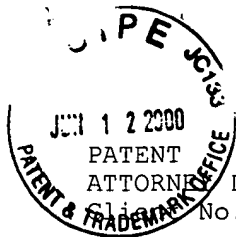
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

6. The method of claim 2, wherein correlating comprises:  
updating the given flow state by changing the given  
flow state to a rejected state.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein updating comprises:  
updating information in the given flow state to  
indicate whether a source or a destination is associated with the  
message and the error event.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein mapping further  
comprises:  
reporting a stop indication in response to the change  
of the given flow state to the rejected state.

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